

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application; reexamination and reconsideration are hereby requested.

Claims 1-8 were rejected as anticipated by Tucker. The Examiner cited the two excitations for a wideband synthesis filter of Figs.5-6.

Applicant replies that the claims require the excitation for the highband be noise modulated by a portion of the lowband. Tucker Fig.5 (and column 12, lines 3-21) has the excitation being the weighted sum of periodic (pitch) pulses plus noise; there is no suggestion of using a portion of the lowband to modulate noise for the highband excitation. Consequently, the claims are patentable over the reference.

The title of the invention has been amended.

Respectfully submitted,



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